

MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Minutes of October 19, 2005
Holiday Inn Express, 2187 University Park Drive, Okemos
9:00 AM

The meeting of the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Board of Trustees commenced at 9:10 AM.

The following Board members were present:

Bob Garner
Steven Hamp
Lana Pollack
Sam Washington

Mr. Torre was not in attendance due to a prior commitment.

Also in attendance were various staff members of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and other interested parties.

I. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FOR MEETING OF AUGUST 17, 2005.

Chairperson Washington called for the adoption of the August 17, 2005 Board meeting minutes.

MOVED BY MR. GARNER, SUPPORTED BY MS. POLLACK, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 17, 2005 MNRTF BOARD MEETING. PASSED.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA FOR MEETING OF OCTOBER 19, 2005.

Chairperson Washington called for the adoption of the agenda for the October 19, 2005 Board meeting.

Ms. Pollack pointed out that under "Announcements," the Board's agenda did not have the correct date and location for the December 6, 2005 Board meeting. The December meeting will be **December 6, 2005, Best Western Midway Hotel, 7711, West Saginaw Highway, Lansing Michigan.**

MOVED BY MR. HAMP, SUPPORTED BY MS. POLLACK, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE OCTOBER 19, 2005 MNRTF BOARD MEETING, WITH THE DATE AND LOCATION CHANGE FOR THE DECEMBER 6, 2005 MEETING. PASSED.

III. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

Representative Kevin Elsenheimer – 05-168, Glacial Hills Pathway and Natural Area, Forest Home Township.

Representative Kevin Elsenheimer made some comments in support of 05-168, Glacial Hills Pathway and Natural Area, an application submitted by Forest Home Township. Also in attendance with Representative Elsenheimer was Senator Allen's chief of staff. Senator Allen was not able to attend the Board meeting today, but wanted to send his support for this application.

Representative Elsenheimer stated that he is not only the State Representative for Forest Home Township, but a resident and taxpayer as well. He is very familiar with the proposed acquisition and application. This project provides a rare and unique opportunity to acquire property for the pathway and natural area. With acquisition of this property, this would result in approximately 750 acres of contiguous public property in the township. This is an extraordinary opportunity to consolidate and make the property accessible to the residents of northern Michigan. Tourism is the basis of the economy in this region of the state.

Representative Elsenheimer urged the Board to consider this acquisition project for funding.

Mr. Terry Smith, Supervisor, Forest Home Township – 05-168, Glacial Hills Pathway and Natural Area.

Mr. Terry Smith, Supervisor of Forest Home Township, made a presentation in support of 05-168, Glacial Hills Pathway and Natural Area. This acquisition would be for the addition of 345 acres to the Glacial Hills Pathway and Natural Area which is in public use at this time. There is an additional 418 acres that is in fragmented parcels. This is located in the central portion of the township. By acquiring this property, the land would be contiguous to existing property owned by Antrim County, Village of Bellaire and a school district. He pointed out the location of the property via a map.

The Glacial Hills pathway and natural area is used for hiking and cross-country skiing. In 2000 the township was awarded a grant to acquire loon nursery property with significant frontage on Lake Bellaire. The proposed pathway would connect to the loon nursery area and circle into the Village of Bellaire.

The land is mostly uplands and acts as part of the watershed for a chain of lakes. It is important to preserve this area from development and keep it in its natural state for protection of the water resources. In addition, by acquiring this property, the township can have a planned trail system.

Mr. Smith stated the projected cost of the acquisition is \$1,024,401. Forest Home Township has generated \$507,294 and is requesting \$517,007 from the MNRTF. The township's match is 49% of the total project cost, which indicates the community's support for the acquisition. There is support from the county, surrounding townships and the conservancy.

Mr. Garner asked if the acquisition would be fee simple. Mr. Smith responded yes. Mr. Garner also asked if the township had explored the possibility of the conservancy acquiring the development rights, as it was expressed the property should be protected. Mr. Smith responded no. The township would like to have control of the land rather than the conservancy. The property has been in the Commercial Forest Reserve since 1987.

Mr. Hamp asked if the property would be signed and made accessible to the public. Mr. Smith responded yes.

Chairperson Washington asked if the “green area” on the map was owned by the county and the “red area” was the land proposed to be acquired by Forest Home Township. Mr. Smith responded yes. Chairperson Washington asked if it was the intent of the final project to be dual ownership. Mr. Smith responded yes, there will be a dividing line. Chairperson Washington said the reason he asked this question was that if it was not the township’s intent to do this, it would constitute a conversion. If the township is acquiring the property and then deeding it over to the county, that presents a problem of a conversion. Are we talking about a split entity park area? Mr. Smith responded that this may be a small split as the county has some property that is indicated in the middle. The county may choose to have the line more well-defined and have a separation so the county property is not sitting in the middle of the township land.

Chairperson Washington wanted to make it clear if the township received a grant to acquire the property, they could not transfer any portion of the property to the county without asking for a conversion approval from the MNRTF Board.

Ms. Linda Gallagher, Outdoor Writer/Vice Chair, Antrim County Parks and Recreation Commission – 05-168, Glacial Hills Pathway and Natural Area, Forest Home Township.

Ms. Linda Gallagher, Outdoor Writer and Vice Chair of Antrim County Parks and Recreation Commission, made a presentation in support of 05-168, Glacial Hills Pathway and Natural Area, Forest Home Township. There is a misconception that much of the land in Antrim County is private, which is not correct. With acquisition of the Sevald property, this could help get the public misconception changed.

In 1987, Ms. Gallagher was searching for an area to hunt wild turkeys and discovered the Sevald property, which was in the Commercial Forest Reserve. Over the years hunters and recreationists had used the property for many uses. The crew of “Michigan Outdoors” has been on this property twice, as well as a number of outdoor writers. It is recognized as a good place to hunt. There is a great deal of old growth on the property, including beech, hemlock, chestnut, white pines, and maple trees.

Other recreational uses could include ATV, snowmobiling and shooting ranges. Antrim County has been working for some time to develop a shooting range.

Ms. Gallagher invited the Board to visit the site.

Ms. Pollack asked if the property is acquired by the township, how would incompatible recreation uses be reconciled. Mr. Garner stated that in southern Michigan all the property set aside for hunting is used more for other recreational activities. Very rarely is there a problem with birdwatchers running into hunters in northern Michigan. Multiple use problems do not occur very often. Chairperson Washington added that Ms. Pollack was correct in stating there are conflicts that occur. Michigan United Conservation Clubs had a problem with mountain bikers and horseback riders. Ms. Pollack added that use of the property with motorized vehicles is not always welcomed by birdwatchers.

Ms. Gallagher stated that the property has been used for all recreation purposes, and to her knowledge there was never an issue. Her concern is that the property is not managed and regulated. Should this property become public, it would be managed by the township.

Mr. Garner stated there are two things that can occur on a Commercial Forest Reserve without permission by owners who keep their property in this program—that they can hunt and fish. All other uses are not in the act. It is up to the property owner to allow or disallow other uses.

Chairperson Washington asked if the township would charge the public for accessing the property. The response was no.

Mr. Garner asked with a sale of this nature, is there a fee that must be paid for removing it from the Commercial Forest Reserve. When the State of Michigan buys property that is under the Commercial Forest Reserve there is a penalty that is paid. The response was it has been incorporated into the cost of the grant.

Mr. Bryan Price, Executive Director, Leelanau Conservancy – 05-147, Lighthouse West Property, Parks and Recreation Division, DNR.

Mr. Bryan Price, Executive Director of the Leelanau Conservancy, provided a PowerPoint presentation in support of 05-147, Lighthouse West Property, which is an application submitted by the Parks and Recreation Division, DNR. This property is located on the tip of the Leelanau Peninsula and is for the acquisition of a conservation and access easement of 42 acres and 640 feet of Lake Michigan shoreline. He stated that this is a unique partnership between the DNR Parks and Recreation Division and the Leelanau Conservancy to preserve the features of this project.

Mr. Price pointed out the location of the project and surrounding areas via a map. Leelanau State Park is divided into two parts and the northern unit of the park is the Lighthouse Point, which is a little less than 100 acres. The rest of the area is the bulk of the park, which totals 1300 acres. He also pointed out conservancy properties.

For the past 15 years, the DNR and Leelanau Conservancy have acquired at least eight different land acquisitions and nine conservation easements. Nearly two miles of shoreline have been protected and preserved, including wildlife corridors. One of the efforts is to link east to west to Lighthouse Point and north to south to Northport Bay. When this project is completed, the State of Michigan will have spent approximately \$1.5 million over the past 15 years and the Leelanau Conservancy a similar amount. The donations of conservation easements and property from private landowners will value twice this amount (over \$3 million).

The landowners of an adjacent parcel of land contacted the conservancy a few weeks ago and are willing to discuss purchase.

Last December the Leelanau Conservancy came to the MNRTF Board, along with Parks and Recreation Division, asking the Board to support the sale of conservation easements to the State of Michigan. The requested amount was \$1.25 million. The DNR received 50% of this request in 2004. The conservancy and DNR are asking that the other 50% be granted (\$630,000). This would complete the acquisition. A draft conservation access easement has been completed and forwarded to DNR, as well as an updated appraisal. The conservancy's towards the conservation easement is 38%.

If the Board approves this project and the legislature appropriates the funds, it is anticipated that the project will be completed within a few months.

Mr. Garner stated that approximately half of requested project cost was granted in 2004. It appears that Mr. Price was under the impression that this was for the first installment of the project. Mr. Price responded that he thought there was an understanding last year that there was no promises that the balance of the project cost would be approved; however, he assumed it was clear to the Board that the DNR would submit an application for 2005 for the other half. Chairperson Washington did not have a recollection of this. Mr. Price stated it may not have been discussed precisely in that manner, but was under the assumption that the Board understood the DNR would reapply for the balance of this project. Certain issues in the application were cleared up to improve scoring. This was a Tier 1 DNR project last year.

Mr. Price also stated for the project to be completed in the way it was envisioned—to be able to protect the entire parcel of land and sell the conservation easement to the State of Michigan—additional funding will be needed. The deal was structured so that the conservancy could carry it long enough to make sure that the funding could be found. If funding is not found, the conservancy would have to ask the sellers to amend the land contract to get clear title on part of the property.

Chairperson Washington stated that the Board's concern is that "done deals" are in greater frequency ending up not being "done deals." The Board is not in the business of cost overruns for projects. Mr. Garner stated that the Board realizes the project was under funded, but he thought it was clear that the DNR needed something to go with other additional funds.

Ms. Pollack asked about the 38% match in local donations. Is this match on what the DNR is asking for this year? She also asked what last year's local match was. Mr. Price responded that the 38% local match is based on an updated appraisal that was done in the summer to make sure the conservation easement was the right value. The conservation easement, as currently appraised, is \$1.946 million. The 38% is what the conservancy puts up towards the State of Michigan's acquisition of the conservation easement. For the underlying fee simple value, the conservancy owns and puts up its own money.

Mr. Price also stated that this is not a situation of a cost overrun. The costs are exactly the same as they were in 2004. The land contract was entered into in 2004.

Mr. Todd Zeller, President, Friends of the Falling Water Trail – 05-117, Falling Waters Trail Project, Jackson County.

Mr. Todd Zeller, President of the Friends of the Falling Water Trail, made a presentation in support of 05-117, Falling Waters Trail Project, Jackson County. When Mr. Zeller was a Boy Scout is when he first became aware of the abandoned railroad corridor. It is still used today for Boy Scouts to obtain their hiking merit badge. The City of Jackson has finished their inner-city bike path which would tie into this trail and travel downtown.

The Grand River Environmental Action Team, which Mr. Zeller is a founding member of, do river cleanups, promotion of the river, and work with the Upper Grand River Watershed Management Plan. The river has been beautified and has an art walk. The trail is the halfway point between the shore to shore trail. The City of Jackson has acquired more funding to extend the trail out north and hopefully make a connection to the Lakelands Trail.

Mr. Zeller further stated that his group has been working with the State of Michigan to get prison property for the trail.

Mr. Zeller presented the Board with a document for their information. This trail would connect four county parks together. The Natural Features Inventory reported 492 species of fauna and flora in the area. The corridor is a major route for ORVs. They want to get the ORVs off this corridor and use it for hiking, biking and cross-country skiing recreation uses.

The trail cuts across the Grand River watershed and meets the Kalamazoo River watershed. There will be interpretive signs and centers along the trail to educate users as to what a watershed is and to identify key areas. Sandstone Creek is mostly adjacent to the trail as well as wetlands.

There is much community support for the project and the property has been acquired. It is owned by the DNR in two segments.

Ms. Pollack asked if there would be a fee charged to access the trail. Mr. Zeller responded it would be free to the public. This will be a County Park.

Ms. Nancy Krupiarz, Executive Director, Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance – 05-117, Falling Waters Trail Project, Jackson County.

Ms. Nancy Krupiarz, Executive Director of the Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance, made a presentation in support of 05-117, Falling Waters Trail Project, Jackson County. The Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance have been working with Calhoun County to get a cross-county trail to hook up eventually to the Falling Waters Trail. The citizens in Jackson are very committed to develop this trail.

Ms. Krupiarz also advised the Board that on October 1 her organization became the “Michigan Trails and Greenways Initiative” (formerly Rails-to-Trails Conservancy).

Mr. Jim Guerriero, Director, Parks and Recreation, Jackson County – 05-117, Falling Waters Trail Project, Jackson County.

Mr. Jim Guerriero, Director of Parks and Recreation, Jackson County, made a presentation in support of 05-117, Falling Waters Trail Project. There are 66 lakes in the county. The county is rated fourth in the nation for golf in terms of value of where you can play on golf courses. Waterloo Recreation Area, administered by the DNR, is also located in the county.

Mr. Guerriero highlighted the partnership between the county and DNR. This should be completed by the end of the year for a long-term lease of the trail. Jackson County is fully committed to maintaining and operating this trail.

Mr. Guerriero also expressed two years ago he and one of his county park officers testified before the Natural Resources Commission regarding this trail. One of the Commissioners asked if the people in Jackson County really want the trail. The park officer’s response was she was out in the parks every day and talked to users and, in their opinion, development of the trail was a number one priority. Part of the reason the Natural Resources Commission agreed to buy the land for the trail was based on this testimony.

Mr. Guerriero further advised the Board of the dedication of Mr. Zeller and the Friends of the Falling Water Trail group for their hard work in fundraising efforts for the trail.

Ms. Debra Evashevski, DDA Director, City of St. Ignace – 05-018, Huron Boardwalk.

Ms. Debra Evashevski, DDA Director for the City of St. Ignace, made a presentation in support of 05-018, Huron Boardwalk. She provided a map to the Board outlining the location of boardwalk areas that the city already has developed, as well as the proposed new boardwalk.

Ms. Evashevski stated that currently the city has over 5,000 linear feet of boardwalk along Lake Huron. This is a combination of boardwalk and walkway, as one of the park areas has a limestone pathway of about 1,000 linear feet.

The boardwalk project began in 1982. In 1994 and 1995, as a result of Proposal A, the city had some financial problems continuing development. This proposed boardwalk project is Phase 9, with one more phase left to complete. There are also two anchor parks on each end, on the north and south of downtown St. Ignace. The MNRTF provided funding for these parks. On the north end is a 300-foot boardwalk, and on the south end is 1,000-foot park, complete with playground, pavilion and restrooms (Veterans Memorial Park).

Ms. Evashevski also showed the Board, via photograph, the new public marina. This marina was originally 20 slips and has been expanded to 140.

Ms. Evashevski continued to outline aspects of the proposed boardwalk. She further stated that a 52-foot navigational lighthouse which was received from Monroe County will be erected. The city is working with DNR's Parks and Recreation Division to obtain Waterways funding and the money is on its way. In addition, the city has a partnership with the Department of Environmental Quality and received a Coastal Zone Management grant as part of the project. The Coastal Zone Management Program funding is \$40,000 and the city will provide \$50,000 match. The city is seeking \$137,500 from the MNRTF.

Ms. Evashevski also stated that part of the boardwalk will be a fishing platform. The last phase of the boardwalk will connect with the American Legion Park, as well as development of a green space area.

Mr. Garner asked about the fishing platform and wondered if a biologist has looked at the area to verify this was a good location. Ms. Evashevski responded yes. The DNR has reviewed the area, as well as a local sportsmen group. Mr. Garner asked if the platform would be handicap-accessible. Ms. Evashevski responded yes. The entire boardwalk is accessible.

Mr. Andrew Mutch, President, Friends of Novi Parks – 05-165, Village Wood Lake/Orchard Hills West Acquisition, City of Novi.

Mr. Andrew Mutch, President of Friends of Novi Parks, provided a video presentation in support of 05-165, Village Wood Lake/Orchard Hills West Acquisition, City of Novi. This is for the acquisition of 51 acres for a park (Meadowbrook Park) in the City of Novi. A portion of the property has already been approved for development. When this property is gone, there are no other properties in southeast Novi of this size, natural resources quality or providing public recreation access available.

Meadowbrook Park would protect open space, significant natural resources, wildlife habitat, an urban fishery and inland waters, including Villagewood Lake and a portion of the Middle Rouge River. The City of Novi is one of the fastest growing cities in Michigan, with population growing by 26,000 in the past 15 years.

The proposed acquisition is under intense developmental pressure. In June of 2005, a site plan was approved for development of a new residential development on the eastern 15 acres. One-half mile of the Middle Rouge River meanders through the proposed park, free flowing with natural stream banks. The river system provides a natural network of greenways, wildlife corridors, and an urban fishery and is an important resource for controlling flooding and natural management of storm water. The Walled Lake branch is of regional importance as headwaters of the Rouge. As these waters flow beyond the city, they contribute significantly to the health and biodiversity of the whole watershed.

This acquisition has a variety of plant life. A floristic quality assessment done this summer indicated that the site is significant on a statewide basis. Over 36 acres are dense, regulated wooded wetlands which provide a haven for wildlife and a buffer for the riparian corridor.

Open space and parkland are desperately needed in southeastern Novi, which is the most densely-populated area of the city. People currently use the land as a recreational outlet, including walking, picnicking and fishing. Carefully planned, low-impact access using trails and boardwalks will ensure the long-term viability of the natural resources. Meadowbrook Park would provide the city's only public access to an urban fishery. Preserving this property would create permanent public access to this urban fishing opportunity.

Mr. Mutch further stated that there is support for this acquisition from the DNR's Fisheries Division and Michigan State University Extension Service. There is also legislative support from Senator Cassis and Speaker of the House DeRoche. Corporate support includes Gander Mountain. Nonprofit support includes Friends of the Novi Parks, Friends of the Rouge and Project F.I.S.H.

Mr. Mutch summarizes by stating that the proposal represents a grassroots effort to save the last significant open space in southeast Novi, which is one of Michigan's fastest growing communities. Within a two-month period, the city's residents petitioned the city to apply for the grant. Residents raised thousands of dollars to pay for both the appraisals and the studies of the property needed to document the value of the site. In addition, residents provided hundreds of hours of research, support and assistance.

Ms. Pollack asked if there will be a fee charged to use the park. Mr. Mutch responded no. In addition, the property that has been proposed for development that borders the lake, the property owner has allowed the public on the property over the years. If the development is approved, this access would be lost.

Mr. Hamp asked what kind of financial obligations for match are being raised. Mr. Mutch responded that the Friends of Novi Parks will take the primary lead on match. Additional matching funds still need to be raised. We are working with other partners on this to seek grants as well as working locally to raise money. Mr. Hamp asked what level of match is being sought. Mr. Mutch stated that the Friends of Novi Parks is providing \$100,000. The city is asking for a 75% grant from the MNRTF (\$846,338).

Mr. Ken Hibl, City Manager, City of Clare – 05-171, Pere Marquette Rail-Trail Property Acquisition.

Mr. Ken Hibl, City Manager for the City of Clare, provided a PowerPoint presentation in support of 05-171, Pere Marquette Rail-Trail Property Acquisition. Mr. Phil Wells of Wilcox Professional Services, also was in attendance to assist Mr. Hibl. Mr. Wells was formerly the DNR's Trailways Program Manager.

This application is for the acquisition of a 3,000-foot strip of land along the edge of a railroad right-of-way, and would be of statewide significance. The Pere Marquette Trail runs 84 miles from downtown Midland to downtown Baldwin. It is continuous with the exception of a three-mile gap in and near Clare. The reason for this gap is that this segment of the old Pere Marquette railroad is still an active rail. It is used as a spur off the old Ann Arbor railroad line, which intersects near downtown Clare. By acquiring this property, it would bridge part of the three-mile gap. In addition, there are some good options for bridging the rest of the gap in the near future. This would make the Pere Marquette Trail a continuous trail of nearly 90 miles. Acquisition is critical to completing the trail as no other suitable routing for this segment has been found.

Mr. Hibl further stated that when the segment is developed, it will bring the Pere Marquette Trail of Midland to downtown Clare. This trail runs 29 miles from downtown Midland to the outskirts of Clare.

Mr. Hibl stated that since 1992, the MNRTF Board has invested nearly one million dollars in this trail through development grants to Midland and Isabella counties. The trail is the premier rail-trail in Michigan in terms of design quality. Its only shortcoming is that its west end is not anchored in a downtown like the east end. By bringing the trail to downtown Clare, it would provide trail users the opportunity of the city's shops and restaurants, as well as its major hotel and conference center. It would add value to 29 miles of existing trail. This would provide a significant boost in the city's economy.

Mr. Hibl further stated that the city plans to develop a major trailhead facility near downtown Clare. It is hoped to move a historic depot from the railroad junction to the new trailhead and restore and renovate it for use as a trail service center.

Developing the trail segment will also set the stage for bridging the rest of the Clare gap to link to the Pere Marquette State Trail, which continues west over 50 miles to Baldwin. There are at least a couple routing options for this future link and it is anticipated to be completed in a few years.

The DNR's State Trails Coordinator has expressed support for bridging the Clare gap. Supporters of the MNRTF application include the Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance, Isabella County, Midland County, the Friends of the Pere Marquette Rail-Trail and many other agencies, businesses, organizations and individuals.

The City of Clare is contributing 36% of the total project cost. The Clare Area Rails-to-Trails Committee has raised most of the match.

Mr. Hibl stated that this is a small funding request. The city has applied for this grant three times.

Chairperson Washington asked if the acquisition is parallel to the existing property. Mr. Hibl responded yes. The railroad company requires that a fence be established between the spur and the trail to insure the safety of users.

Mr. Garner asked if there was a precedent for putting a fence between a trail and an active railroad. Mr. Hibl responded he did not know. Mr. Garner stated that in Cadillac there is the Tuscola-Saginaw Railroad Company and there is no fencing. Mr. Hibl stated that this is a condition of the sale—that a fence be erected.

Chairperson Washington asked what the railroad would own in the way of right-of-way. Mr. Hibl responded 100 feet. Mr. Garner asked if this was a nonmotorized trail. Mr. Hibl responded yes. Mr. Garner stated that since this is a nonmotorized trail, users would be able to hear an approaching train.

Ms. Pollack asked if there would be a fee charged to use the trail. Mr. Hibl responded no. Ms. Pollack added that in Ann Arbor's Gallup Park there is a pathway along the Huron River where part of it is adjacent to Amtrak. That pathway has a fence.

Mr. Kevin Anderson, City Manager, City of South Haven – 05-027, South Haven Area Recreational Park.

Mr. Kevin Anderson, City Manager for the City of South Haven, provided a PowerPoint presentation in support of 05-027, South Haven Area Recreational Park. This acquisition is for 96 acres for development of a recreational park. This acquisition would involve three townships, two counties and one city. The property would be purchased and developed in Casco Township, which is in Allegan County, owned by the City of South Haven in Van Buren County and involve the management of three townships.

Mr. Anderson stated that there has been a very good working relationship between these local units of government. For the past ten years, water and sewer services have expanded throughout both counties. Emergency Services (Fire and Rescue) have been combined for the past ten years. Recreational planning and programming, regional library and senior services are combined.

There are some unique demographics in the area. Most people believe this area is very affluent. There are 51% of the households in the city that are non-homestead. These are second homeowners who live in the city on a part-time basis. Fifty-four percent of the student population receives a free or reduced lunch in school. Fifteen percent of households earn less than \$15,000 a year, with 20% earning less than \$30,000. Fifteen percent of the residents are African-American and 8 percent Hispanic.

Mr. Anderson further stated that the project is much more than a recreational area. There are areas on the 96-acre parcel that have very nice natural resources that will be maintained and preserved. There will be trails and have the ability to interconnect with other regional facilities. It is in close proximity to the Kal-Haven Trail that goes from the Lake Michigan shoreline to Kalamazoo. It is also close to historic trails and discussion has begun as to how to connect to those areas.

Options for the property have been secured. There is a tremendous push in growth in the area towards second homeowners. Within the city alone over 1,000 units have been approved for construction in the last 1-1/2 years. All are being marketed towards a second home. In addition, a feasibility study has been prepared to look at development. The city has also contacted a park designer with M.C. Smith Associates as to how facilities can be developed and how environmental amenities can be maintained and preserved.

Mr. Anderson concluded by stating that to have a regional project like this be approved for funding is important for not only the residents of South Haven, but for that area of the state. Successful projects require two things: infrastructure of human resources needs to be in place and financial resources.

Chairperson Washington asked about the various local entities involved in this project. Is there some kind of a governing body that extends between them, or some type of committee who coordinates? Mr. Anderson responded that each of the individual local units of government get together on a regular basis and converse. On each of the areas, independent boards are set up that deal with those issues. Chairperson Washington asked if there was a parks millage. Mr. Anderson responded no.

Ms. Pollack asked if there were fees charged to use the facility. Mr. Anderson responded no. Ms. Pollack also asked what the match towards the project would be. Mr. Anderson responded it would be 30%.

Mr. Mike DeGrandchamp, Trustee, South Haven Township – 05-081, Deerlick Creek Park Acquisition.

Mr. Mike DeGrandchamp, Trustee for South Haven Township, made a presentation in support of 05-081, Deerlick Creek Park Acquisition. This is for the acquisition of 2.1 acres, including 172 feet of Lake Michigan frontage, over 700 feet along Deerlick Creek and .8 acres of wetlands for a township park. This is a unique setting as the stream and river meet Lake Michigan and there is easy access.

This area has been used as a public access for 80 years. The township has an ordinance on their books for hours of operation. When a developer bought the northern piece of property and was doing a title search, it was discovered that the county road does not go to Lake Michigan. The public access that had been used is actually private land. When this was brought to the attention of the Township Board, the owners were contacted, both to the north and south of the area, if an arrangement could be worked out to maintain the access area for the public. The owners were willing to sell the property. The township has pledged \$400,000 of match for the project.

Deerlick Creek has been designated one of nine smelt streams along the Lake Michigan shore. This also is a designated trout stream. In addition, by acquiring this property, it would provide an increase in tourism in the area and would help the agricultural business via farm markets for blueberries, cranberries, etc.

Ms. Mo Lewandowski, Member, Friends of Deerlick – 05-081, Deerlick Creek Park Acquisition, South Haven Township.

Ms. Mo Lewandowski, Member of the Friends of Deerlick, made a presentation in support of 05-081, Deerlick Creek Park Acquisition, South Haven Township. This project has widespread support from the community. There is a partnership with South Haven Township, Friends of Deerlick and Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy to raise funds for the project.

The Friends of Deerlick is a group of concerned citizens. It is a grassroots group that wants Deerlick Creek secured for public use. The project has received monetary support from local businesses. The Van Buren County Road Commission, County Board Commissions and surrounding townships have expressed their support for the project.

Ms. Lewandowski stated that this is one of the few sites on Lake Michigan that has trees. If you have photosensitivity, you can sit under the trees and still enjoy the lake. By protecting this property it would provide increased opportunities for fishing, recreational use and public education and wetland protection. The wetlands and forests surrounding Deerlick Creek support many of the migratory songbirds and other birds.

A shipwreck is located less than 50 feet off the shore and is part of the Southwest Michigan Underwater Land Preserve. Swimmers, canoeists and kayakers will also be able to gain access to the area. In addition, divers explore the area around the shipwreck.

The Friends of Deerlick plan to develop and install educational signs at the park to educate users about the Great Lakes ecosystem and fishery.

Ms. Olga Stieve, Friends of Deerlick – 05-081, Deerlick Creek Park Acquisition, South Haven Township.

Ms. Olga Stieve, Friends of Deerlick, made a presentation in support of 05-081, Deerlick Creek Park Acquisition, South Haven Township. She distributed photographs of the site to the Board. She also read a letter to the Board from a person in Portage expressing her recreational experiences, and observation of others, in the Deerlick Creek area.

Ms. Jennie Stezowski, Friends of Deerlick – 05-081, Deerlick Creek Park Acquisition, South Haven Township.

Ms. Jennie Stezowski, Friends of Deerlick, made a presentation in support of 05-081, Deerlick Creek Park Acquisition, South Haven Township. She outlined to the Board some of her family's and other residents' recreational experiences in the Deerlick Creek area. She urged the Board to support funding for this acquisition for preservation and recreational uses of residents and visitors.

Mr. John Griffith, President, North Woods Conservancy – 05-078, Gratiot River County Park Addition, Keweenaw County.

Mr. John Griffith, President of the North Woods Conservancy, made a presentation in support of 05-078, Gratiot River County Park Addition, Keweenaw County. Up in the Keweenaw, Plum Creek, a real estate investment trust, just acquired 650 acres. Also, International Paper Company, which owns Lake Superior Land Company, is in the process of selling all of their

holdings of 450,000 acres, including 150,000 acres in Keweenaw County alone. He feels this proves the urgency in any land conservation, especially the Gratiot River County Park Addition.

Mr. Griffith also stated that supplemental information was provided to Grants Management staff. The match is 43% and not 25%. The 25% is the acquisition cost. The North Woods Conservancy acquired this parcel about three years ago as the interim owner, and all the conservancy is interested in is getting their original investment out and not the current value of the land.

Mr. Griffith provided the Board with pictures of an artist on the beach. The artist lived on the beach for 10 weeks sleeping in a hammock. He painted a 4' x 8' original oil painting of the scene of the shoreline of the addition to the Gratiot River County Park. He is donating 10% of the oil paintings proceeds to the conservancy and all 250 will be signed and numbered.

Mr. Dennis Keiser, Supervisor, Bear Creek Township – 05-063, Walloon Lake Access.

Mr. Dennis Keiser, Supervisor of Bear Creek Township, made a presentation in support of 05-063, Walloon Lake Access. This project is to acquire 333 feet of frontage on Walloon Lake for a public boat access and beach. At the last meeting he attended, the question was raised as to how many people are permanent residents. The Board has since received information outlining seasonal and permanent residents.

Mr. Keiser stated that this acquisition is in the township's recreation plan. The project was not funded last year, but has made people aware of the need for public access to the lake. Neighboring Resort Township is looking to improve a road ending. In addition, the DNR is taking more of an active role in looking at their property to develop public access to the lake.

Ms. Elizabeth Lieberman, Executive Director, Walloon Lake Association – 05-063, Walloon Lake Access, Bear Creek Township.

Ms. Elizabeth Lieberman, Executive Director of the Walloon Lake Association, made a presentation to express the association's opposition to 05-063, Walloon Lake Access. She feels the message today has a more positive approach. In December 2004, the MNRTF Board chose not to fund the Walloon Lake Access project proposed by Bear Creek Township. The nonfunding of this project afforded the Walloon Lake Association to spend the following year looking at other sites that would be more appropriate and that would garner more support from the association's members.

There are seven existing boat access sites on Walloon Lake. The association has studied the sites and made recommendations. They are as follows:

1. Stolt Road, between Resort Township and Bay Township—Addition of an adequate dock, continued maintenance of asphalt road end and existing turnaround area, adding a 12-foot cement ramp and continuing to search for available property for parking and restroom facilities.
2. Townsend Road in Resort Township—Addition of an adequate dock, continued maintenance of road end and continuing to search for available property for parking and restroom facilities.

3. Sumner Road in Bay Township—Continued maintenance of existing dock, continued maintenance of cement pad boat ramp and continuing to search for available property for parking and restroom facilities.
4. Morford Road in Resort Township—Addition of adequate dock, continued maintenance of road end and ramp, and continuing search for available property for parking spaces and restroom facilities. The association has had contact with the owner of nearby property.
5. Wildwood Harbor Road in Bay Township—Addition of an adequate dock, continued maintenance of road end and continuing search for available property for parking spaces and restroom facilities. This site will be challenging due to its configuration.
6. Gruler Road in Bear Creek Township—Improvement and maintenance of existing dock, continued maintenance of road end and repairing and/or replacing existing cement launch pad. The association is not in favor of any expansion at this road end because the North Arm is one of the most environmentally sensitive areas on the lake.
7. Winsor Street, Melrose Township in the Village of Walloon, Charlevoix County—This site has the following significant advantages:
 - Equal distance from Boyne City and Petoskey.
 - US-131 is one-half mile away.
 - Site could help the village's economy.
 - Operating marina adjacent to launch site.
 - Public beach with parking is 200 yards away from site.
 - M-75 passes by, so it would be self-patrolled.
 - Preliminary plan includes parking of 16 vehicles with boat trailers, boat launch staging area and barrier-free restroom. Waterfront would be landscaped to discourage swimming next to site.
 - Shopping is within walking distance from public boat launch and would add activity and vitality to village.
 - Village site is least environmentally sensitive location of the seven existing sites on the lake.

Ms. Pollack asked Ms. Lieberman to point out the areas on the accompanying map. She also asked how many parking spaces would be involved with the Jones Landing area (Walloon Lake Access project). Ms. Lieberman responded seven.

Chairperson Washington thought this area would allow more than seven parking spaces. Mr. Keiser responded that it is approximately three acres and show 22 parking spaces. Ms. Lieberman stated that it would be seven with trailers.

Chairperson Washington asked if there were any DNR staff in attendance that knew what the total shoreline mileage of Walloon Lake is. The response was approximately 27 square miles. It is the seventh largest inland lake in the state.

Chairperson Washington appreciates Walloon Lake Association's efforts in locating alternative launching sites and ways to improve them. The problem is that all of these locations have an "iffy" future. If the Bear Creek Township proposal is funded, it would be acquired and developed for a boat launch and would provide access to Walloon Lake.

Chairperson Washington also asked Ms. Lieberman if Bear Creek Township's project were funded, would the Walloon Lake Association still attempt to improve the other sites mentioned. Ms. Lieberman responded yes. He further asked if the association planned to oppose the DNR's site. Ms. Lieberman responded yes. It is not because of the launch site, but rather the forest that would be impacted. Chairperson Washington mentioned it appears that the Walloon Lake Association is opposing the two locations that are definite sites and ready to be developed.

Chairperson Washington also asked if the Jones Landing site is currently being used as a boat ramp by lakefront owners. The response was yes. Mr. Garner added that several of the road endings have signs that indicate use as a boat launch area with 15-minute parking. Chairperson Washington further stated it appears to him that nothing that is going to allow the public on Walloon Lake is going to be acceptable with the association.

Chairperson Washington stated that he would like to discuss under "New Business" adding critical access to inaccessible resources to the criteria for scoring projects. He feels these criteria should score high. Walloon Lake is a 27-square mile inland lake, the seventh largest in the state. In addition, the DNR spends \$1 million stocking the lake and the public still does not have acceptable access to it. The public needs access to the state's resources and the lake does not belong to anyone but the public.

Mr. Hamp asked if there was a proposed cost for the alternate boat launching sites. Ms. Lieberman responded no. There have been discussions with the property owners and there is the anticipation that the acquisition of the land would be brought to the MNRTF Board for possible funding in the spring of 2006. Mr. Hamp asked if the cost would include the demolition of buildings. Ms. Lieberman responded that this would be under the development phase of the project, and would seek funds from the Waterways Commission and not the MNRTF.

Mr. Garner asked how many launch sites would encompass the DNR property. Ms. Lieberman responded 20. Mr. Garner stated that DNR has 220 acres. He further stated he feels a launch site could be put on this property without degrading the area. Ms. Lieberman responded that the opposition to this site would not be limited to Walloon Lake residents. There was a meeting held on August 31, 2005 and there were a lot of off-the-lake citizens who use that property for quiet, nature activities.

Mr. Mark Randolph, Executive Director, Grass River Natural Area – 05-024, Grass River Natural Area Addition, Antrim County.

Mr. Mark Randolph, Executive Director of the Grass River Natural Area, made a presentation in support of 05-024, Grass River Natural Area Addition, Antrim County. This is for the acquisition of two different parcels on Grass River. These parcels would be a good addition to the Grass River Natural Area as the Skinner property, which is just less than 10 acres, is very old cedar. The property also includes yellow birch and hemlock. Mr. Skinner was a former Conservation Officer for the DNR.

The Grass River Natural Area is 165 acres. With the addition of these two parcels, it would provide more access, especially for hunters.

Mr. Garner commented that the MNRTF provided some funding for the Grass River Natural Area last year. Mr. Randolph stated that they had requested funding for three parcels, and were approved for one.

Mr. John Snodgrass, President, Old Town Neighborhood Association – 05-104, Boardman Lake Trail West, City of Traverse City.

Mr. John Snodgrass, President of Old Town Neighborhood Association, made a presentation in support of 05-104, Boardman Lake Trail West, City of Traverse City. In 1999, the City of Traverse City built a new district library on the north end of the Boardman Lake. The ability for children to get to the library has been limited because of the traffic.

The proposed project would provide access from the neighborhoods of Traverse City to the new district library and to access Boardman Lake. In 2000, the MNRTF awarded the city a grant to develop Hull Park on the north end of Boardman Lake. The park trail has been extended over to the public library. This week, a trail on the east side of the Boardman Lake will have a ribbon-cutting. This project would link all attractions.

Mr. Snodgrass urged the Board to recommend this project for funding.

Mr. Terry Nelson, Mayor, Village of DeTour Village – 05-084, Detour Waterfront Property Acquisition.

Mr. Terry Nelson, Mayor of the Village of DeTour Village, made a presentation in support of 05-084, Detour Waterfront Property Acquisition. This project is for the acquisition of a 2-acre parcel, including 800 feet of waterfront on the St. Mary's River.

The Village of DeTour Village is located in a rural area, located on the eastern end of the Upper Peninsula. With the acquisition of the property, this would provide access to the citizens and visitors to enjoy the natural attributes of the area. This would include fishing and kayaking.

In 1999, the village was designated as the tenth underwater preserve in the State of Michigan, with 27 recorded shipwrecks in the area. Last summer another shipwreck was found just off of DeTour Village in 220 feet of water. The ship had been underwater since 1888 and artifacts and the ship were well preserved.

By funding this project, it could make the Village of DeTour Village a destination for visitors. In addition, it would provide a vast economic boost to the community.

Mr. Hamp asked what the village planned to put in the park. Mr. Nelson responded fishing accessibility, boardwalk, dock, picnic area, and public restrooms.

Chairperson Washington asked if there would be a fee to use the park. Mr. Nelson responded no. It would be a village park and maintained by the village. In addition, the village has purchased a lot across from the park and plan on making this a parking area.

Ms. Pollack asked how many people live in the village and county. Mr. Nelson responded he does not have the exact numbers for the county, but the number of people living in the village is 421. In the summer, the population is around 1,000. An estimate for the county population would be around 40,000.

Mr. Tom Woiwode, Director, GreenWays Initiative – 05-153, Tricentennial State Park and Harbor, DNR, Parks and Recreation Division.

Mr. Tom Woiwode, Director of the GreenWays Initiative, made a presentation in support of 05-153, Tricentennial State Park and Harbor, DNR, Parks and Recreation Division. He gave a presentation to the Board at their August meeting. There is a proposal pending before the Community Foundation Board that would match the request being sought from the MNRTF (\$500,000). On September 1, 2005, the Community Foundation Board acted favorably on the proposal and awarded a Detroit Riverfront Conservancy grant in the amount of \$587,000.

Mr. Woiwode also advised the Board that last year the City of Detroit was awarded a grant for the Dequindre Cut project. The Dequindre Cut actually abuts and dead ends into Tricentennial State Park.

Mr. Woiwode asked the Board to look favorably on funding the Tricentennial State Park and Harbor project, and thanked the Board for funding projects for the City of Detroit. He also invited the Board to schedule a 2006 meeting in the City of Detroit along the riverfront.

Mr. Garner stated that he has visited the Tricentennial State Park and it is a beautiful park. It has style and class.

IV. OLD BUSINESS.

December 5, 2005 Evening Meeting.

Chairperson Washington stated that an evening meeting was held last year, the evening before the regular December Board meeting. The purpose of this evening meeting was to have an open discussion of the projects being brought before the Board for possible funding. Because of the Open Meetings Act, the Board cannot meet in a caucus to discuss projects, nor can they make any decisions.

Mr. Garner stated that, in his opinion, what really occurred at last year's evening discussion meeting was it became an "appeals process" for those applicants who wanted to be heard, and wanted to make the Board aware that the scoring of their projects should have been higher. He asked that this meeting be strictly time-tight in length (five minutes per project). The Board could ask questions of the applicant if they so chose.

Chairperson Washington mentioned that he had asked Mr. Jim Wood, Manager, Grants Management, DNR, to investigate that if the Board had an evening meeting if there would have to be public commentary allowed. Mr. Wood responded yes.

Ms. Pollack and Mr. Hamp yielded to the decision of the other Board members, if they felt this was a useful session. In addition, Mr. Hamp reiterated Mr. Garner's request that the presentations be time-tight (five minutes per project).

Chairperson Washington asked if it is possible to allow only those applicants who have not made a presentation of their project before the Board to make a presentation at the evening meeting. Mr. Wood responded he did not specifically know for sure, but the Open Meetings Act states that the public has to have the ability to address the body (Board).

MOVED BY MR. GARNER, SUPPORTED BY MS. POLLACK TO SCHEDULE A MNRTF EVENING DISCUSSION MEETING, WHICH WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 5, 2005. EACH PRESENTER WILL BE LIMITED TO NO LONGER THAN FIVE (5) MINUTES PER PROJECT. THE BOARD WILL ALLOW FOR DISCUSSION TIME AFTER THE PRESENTATION OF EACH PROJECT. PASSED.

V. NEW BUSINESS.

TF03-015, Parkway Nature Preserve, Harrison Charter Township – **PROJECT WITHDRAWAL.**

There was no briefing or discussion on this project.

MOVED BY MS. POLLACK, SUPPORTED BY MR. GARNER, TO APPROVE THE WITHDRAWAL OF TF03-015, PARKWAY NATURE PRESERVE, HARRISON CHARTER TOWNSHIP. PASSED.

TF03-130, Dodge Park #5 Acquisition, Commerce Charter Township – **PROJECT WITHDRAWAL.**

There was no briefing or discussion on this project.

MOVED BY MR. GARNER, SUPPORTED BY MR. HAMP, TO APPROVE THE WITHDRAWAL OF TF03-130, DODGE PARK #5 ACQUISITION, COMMERCE CHARTER TOWNSHIP. PASSED.

2006 Meeting Schedule.

Mr. Wood outlined the Board meeting dates for 2006. Meeting dates are as follows:

February 22
April 19
June 14
August 16
October 18
December 6

All meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of the month with the exception of February 22 and December 6. The February meeting was moved to the fourth Wednesday, as the Michigan Recreation and Park Association Conference will be held the third week of February and Grants Management staff attend this. The December 6 meeting is moved up one week to get all business completed before the holidays. The December 6 meeting is the day before the Natural Resources Commission meeting.

Traditionally, five of the meetings are held in Lansing with one (generally the June meeting) being held at an out-of-Lansing location. The public presentations are heard at the June meeting. Staff has not received a formal invitation from any community to host the June meeting; however, we have discussed the possibility of the Oakland County/Island Lake State Recreation Area.

The Board agreed to hold the meeting in the Brighton/Novi area.

MOVED BY MS. POLLACK, SUPPORTED BY MR. GARNER, TO APPROVE THE DATES OF THE 2006 MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND BOARD MEETINGS. PASSED.

Board Policy 94.1 – Use and Conversions of MNRTF Project Areas.

Mr. Wood outlined the update of Board Policy 94.1 – Use and Conversions of MNRTF Project Areas. This update is derived from comments made by Ms. Pollack at the last Board meeting in that a more formal public review process should be part of our policy.

Mr. Wood stated that when staff reviews conversions they always look to make sure that the public has had an opportunity to review and comment; however, it was not part of Board Policy 94.1. Staff has drafted recommendations to include public review and comment for conversions in MNRTF-assisted property. Staff recommendations include:

- A formal public notice and review period of 30 days for both the proposed conversion and mitigation to allow the public an adequate opportunity to review the proposals.
- An additional requirement that, in the case of regional facilities like trails, notice be extended to the residents of the other affected communities.
- Specific requirements on holding a public meeting of the governing body to discuss the proposal, including passage of a formal resolution supporting the request.
- Specific requirements on timeliness of completion of the mitigation as well as a requirement that they submit evidence of completion.

Mr. Wood asked for discussion and comments, and based on recommendations of the Board, will provide a final policy for adoption at the December 6, 2005 meeting.

Ms. Pollack had a question on page 4, number 8a, specifically "...are encouraged to contact DNR Grants Management...". This is just to initiate assistance, but is the community is actually required to comply with all the other steps involved in the conversion? Mr. Wood responded yes, but staff would encourage the community to talk to us prior to the conversion.

Ms. Pollack noticed there was no mention if there was a change of use due to conversion, if that would somehow prompt a change in entry fee cost. She feels this should be included in the conversion policy. Mr. Wood stated this will be incorporated in the conversion policy, per the request of Ms. Pollack.

Ms. Pollack also had a question on page 2, 4a(ii) "DNR Grants Management may approve exemptions for the placement of indoor recreation facilities on the Board's behalf." Ms. Pollack feels as long as the facility has normal impact on the original use of the property, we might want to include language to this effect. You would not want a facility to change its fundamental use.

Chairperson Washington advised the Board if there were other changes they wish to have made to Board Policy 94.1 to contact Grants Management staff before the December meeting.

MOVED BY MR. GARNER, SUPPORTED BY MS. POLLACK, FOR STAFF TO INCLUDE THE BOARD'S CHANGES INDICATED IN BOARD POLICY 94.1. FINAL ADOPTION IS TABLED UNTIL THE DECEMBER 6, 2005 MEETING. PASSED.

Chairperson Washington stated that he would like staff explore ways to include in the scoring of projects for next year the question of critical access to currently inaccessible or only marginally accessible resources. By including this in the scoring process, when staff reviews and scores the application, the project will be recognized for its unique access and be given high priority.

MOVED BY MR. HAMP, SUPPORTED BY MR. GARNER, FOR GRANTS MANAGEMENT STAFF TO INCLUDE IN THE SCORING CRITERIA FOR THE 2006 MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND GRANT CYCLE LANGUAGE TO INCLUDE CRITICAL ACCESS PROJECTS, AND PROJECTS THAT PROVIDE CRITICAL ACCESS WOULD RECEIVE MORE POINTS ON THE TOTAL SCORE. PASSED.

Mr. Wood advised the Board this will be included in the 2006 scoring criteria.

VI. STATUS REPORTS.

DNR Real Estate Report.

Mr. Wood briefly outlined the DNR Real Estate report.

Ms. Pollack asked about the options in reference to the deeryard acquisition (TF02-201) to enhance winter survival of deer, and wondered if there was a growing deer population in that area. She is not familiar with the conditions and deer population in the Upper Peninsula. She wondered if we wanted to grow deer population in the Upper Peninsula. Chairperson Washington stated yes, that this is more of a matter of maintaining and, to a certain degree, growing. In most areas of southern Michigan the deer numbers are not a problem. In the Upper Peninsula, especially in the Lake Superior watershed, deer have a very hard time surviving through the winter. Mr. Garner also stated that in the Upper Peninsula deeryards are dwindling, having fragmentation problems, and timber companies coming in under the Commercial Forest Act.

Local Projects Completion Report.

Mr. Wood stated that one acquisition and two development projects have been completed since the Board's August meeting.

Mr. Garner stated that the decision was made a couple of weeks ago on the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund recommended projects. He asked how many of those projects also applied for MNRTF dollars. Mr. Wood responded he did not know an exact figure, but he would estimate about eight to ten out of the 12 recommended projects were also under consideration by the MNRTF.

Financial Report.

Mr. Wood outlined the financial report for the Board. The figures on the report are essentially the same as the August report. One update is the executive recommendation for expenditures for the MNRTF has been finalized into an appropriations act (PA 154 of 2005).

The timing of the MNRTF Board meetings does not always match up when staff does estimating on oil and gas revenue. By the time staff needed to get this report prepared, we did not have all the data to revise the oil and gas revenue numbers. Oil and gas revenues are very strong this year and there will likely be an increase in the figures identified on the December report. There may be another \$1 million or more available for projects. It is estimated that there will be approximately \$32 million available for 2005 projects.

Mr. Garner asked if the MNRTF gets any royalties for gas storage. Mr. Wood responded he was not sure. The staff from Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division's Mineral Management Section has made presentations to the MNRTF Board in the past to explain royalties. This may be an interesting presentation to bring back to the Board at a future meeting.

Lump Sum Report.

Mr. Wood outlined the lump sum report. This report indicates funds that are being expended from the DNR's divisions with lump sums. Most of the money is contained in the 2004 and 2005 appropriations. The DNR is making every effort to expend these balances.

VII. OTHER MATTERS AS ARE PROPERLY BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD.

None.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

An evening discussion meeting will be held **6:00-8:00 PM, Monday, December 5, 2005**, Best Western Midway Hotel, 7711 West Saginaw Highway, Lansing, Michigan (Exit 93B off I-96). The next **regular** meeting of the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board is scheduled for 9:00 AM, **Tuesday, December 6, 2005** at the same location as the evening meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT.

**MOVED BY MR. HAMP, SUPPORTED BY MS. POLLACK, TO ADJOURN
THE MEETING. PASSED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 PM.

Sam Washington, Chairperson
Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund
Board of Trustees

James Wood, Manager
Grants Management

DATE